

[21st March 1961]

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : குறிப்பாக கிருஷ்ணகிரி ப்ராஜெக்ட்டில் விவசாய முன்னேற்றத்தை அதிகரிக்க அடிக்கடி அதிகாரிகளும் விவசாயிகளும் சேர்ந்து கலந்து பேசவேண்டிய சந்தர்ப்பம் குறைவாக இருப்பதால்தான் இந்த நிதானம் இருக்கிறது என்ற காரணத்தினால் இதனை அங்கேயும் செய்யலாமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இதைப் பற்றி கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் சேலம் கலெக்டரிடம் யோசனை கூறினால் வேண்டிய நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்.

Labour Relations Officer (State Electricity Board)

* 957 Q.—**SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to appoint a Labour Relations Officer in the Madras State Electricity Board?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. But the Government have decided to drop the proposal for the present and to re-examine it after some time, if necessary.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know why the proposal has been deferred?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There was some difference of opinion as to the relative position of the Labour Officer, whether he should function directly under the Chairman of the Electricity Board or under the Chief Engineer, Electricity Board. So, on account of this difference of opinion, we have deferred the proposal.

Raiding brothels (Powers to Police Officers)

* 958 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (on behalf of **SRI A. A. RASHEED**) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have recommended to the Union Government to make suitable amendment to the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, to vest powers in Police Officers of the rank of Inspectors and above to raid brothels; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the Deputy Superintendents of Police who have been appointed as Special Police Officers under the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956, are often out of headquarters and engaged in investigation of grave crimes, inspections, etc., they do not find time either to raid brothels or to prosecute the cases in the courts. Therefore, it was felt that officers not below the rank of Inspector of Police should be appointed as Special Police Officers under the above Act.